

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gwendolyn Tremel joined the Department of Social Services (DSS) over 36 years ago with the goal of making a real difference; and,

Whereas, Gwen began working at the Division of Economic Assistance as a caseworker, learning from both mentors and clients, who know so well the realities of economic need; and,

Whereas, Gwen's dedication, skills, knowledge, and expertise grew as she advanced to the position of supervisor and regional manager. She lead numerous committees and work groups to enhance entire programs and services for the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gwen was a key player in developing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, staff training, and implementing the transition of the program from the Department of Social Services to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe; and,

Whereas, In 1998, Gwen was one of the team members of the DSS staff to receive the Dan Glickman Award of Excellence for having the highest payment accuracy rate in the nation for the previous four years, and for 24 years she was part of the management team that lead the food stamp program staff to achieving accuracy performance records which brought bonus money to the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gwen is a proven leader whose knowledge, expertise, and achievements did make a difference and set benchmarks for others in DSS; and,

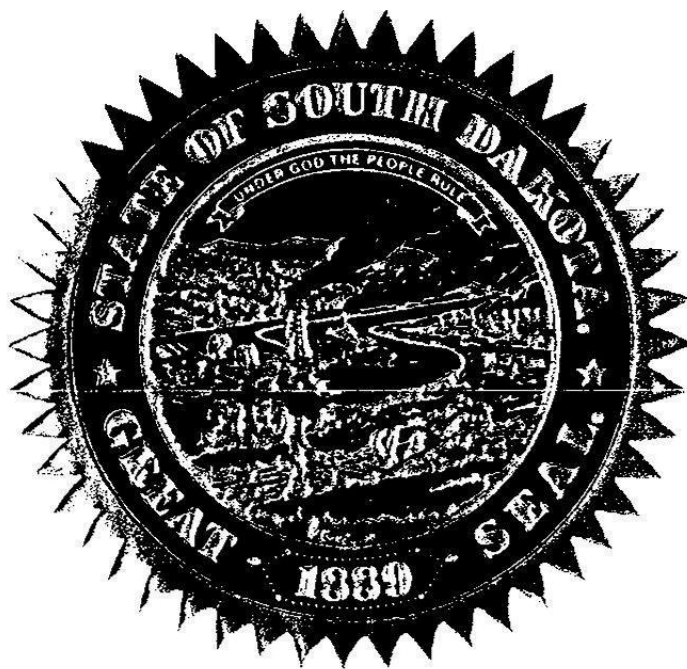
Whereas, Gwen concludes her formal work in DSS with a legacy of compassion, great vision, and outstanding accomplishment and will be greatly missed by her colleagues as she turns her energies and determination to other projects within her community, church, and other worthy endeavors; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize Gwen's contributions to the state of South Dakota, and honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

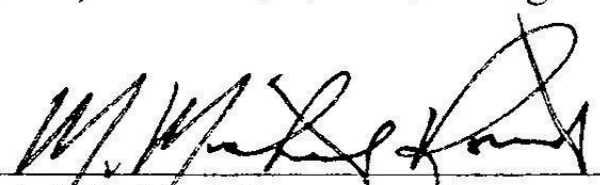
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2008, as


GWENDOLYN TREMEL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State